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58/16. Responding to global threats and challenges

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 55/162 of 14 December 2000, 56/95 of 14 December 2001 and 57/144 of 16 December 2002 on the follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit, and its resolution 57/145 of 16 December 2002,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the coordinating and leading role of the United Nations in establishing a cohesive and effective system for responding to global threats and challenges, and welcoming the ongoing efforts of Member States and the Secretary-General to this end,

Recognizing the importance, in the context of implementing the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] of a comprehensive approach aimed at addressing global threats and challenges in accordance with the Charter, international law and relevant international instruments,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Millennium Declaration[2] and the observations contained therein on ways and means to promote further, with the United Nations lead, a more comprehensive and coherent response to the global threats and challenges of the twenty-first century,

Taking note of the letter dated 3 November 2003 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly regarding the establishment of the High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change,[3]

1. *Commends* the increased interaction of Member States, the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system and the international and regional organizations cooperating with the United Nations, aimed at countering various global threats and challenges, in particular those posed by international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, transnational organized crime, regional conflicts, poverty, unsustainable development, illicit drug trafficking, money-laundering,

[1] See resolution 55/2.
[2] A/58/323.
[3] A/58/612.

infectious diseases, environmental degradation, natural disasters, complex emergency situations and others;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to Member States and relevant regional and other organizations for submitting to the Secretary-General their contributions on the issues referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 57/145;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations, its Member States, the agencies and organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations to continue their efforts towards establishing a comprehensive and effective strategy for responding to global threats and challenges;

4. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Secretary-General of the High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change to make recommendations for the elements of a collective action, and expresses its readiness to consider as a matter of priority at its fifty-ninth session the recommendations of the Secretary-General thereon.

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